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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 5227

TOKYO FOR INS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF KS VM

SUBJECT: VIET-NAM REFUGEES IN KOREA

REF: MANILA 8934

SUMMARY: 28 OR 29 RECENTLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE REFUGEES  
WISH TO SETTLE IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO VICE MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY

1. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YUN HA-CHONG TOLD  
DCM JUNE 23 THAT 28 OR 29 OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES  
WHO ARRIVED IN KOREA RECENTLY ABOARD THE USS JOHN B.  
MCCONE HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO BE RESETTLED IN THE  
U.S. HE ADDED THAT SIX WISH TO GO TO FRANCE AND FOUR TO  
CANADA AND SAID THAT ALL WERE IN GOOD FHEALTH. VICE  
MINISTER SAID THAT THE PREFERENCES OF THE REFUGEES HAD  
BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) IN TOKYO VIA THE  
UNDP OFFICE IN SEOUL. HE SAID THAT ROKG WOULD APPRECIATE  
ANY ASSISTANCE USG COULD PROVIDE IN CONNECTION WITH  
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RESETTLEMENT OF THESE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND SAID ROKG  
WOULD PROVIDE FREE ACCESS TO THE REFUGEES FOR US CONSULAR  
REPRESENTATIVES. HE ADDED THAT THE REFUGEES HAD NOT YET  
PROVIDED ANY INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS INSIDE VIET-NAM  
BUT THAT ROKG WOULD PURSUE THIS SUBJECT WITH THEM AS  
APPROPRIATE AND WOULD KEEP USG INFORMED ON ANY INFORMATION  
THEY MIGHT HAVE.

2. DCM NOTED THAT IT WAS US POLICY TO DEAL THROUGH UNHCR ON MATTERS CONCERNING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF ROKG OFFERS OF COOPERATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM UNHCR. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.  
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